

DEMOCRATIC AND CORRUPTION FREE SOCIETY THROUGH WALT WHITMAN AND KEKI N. DARUWALLA'S POEMS

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ABSTRACT

Walt Whitman and Keki N. Daruwalla both wanted democratic world. They wanted a society free from corruption. They thought that there should be no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion. There should be no gap between the have and have not. There should be no differentiation on the basis of culture, language, race or economic status. Everyone should be given the right to live with dignity. There should be harmony in this world. There should be one world without boundaries. Walt Whitman wanted to give emphasis to universal brotherhood, fraternity and comradeship. He wanted to spread this message amongst masses. Keki N. Daruwalla was also against any kind of violence or corruption. He didn't believe in fake rituals. He wanted that there should be no war and there should be no boundaries. One should love each other. Walt Whitman felt that only youngsters can bring revolutions for the betterment of the country and it is the responsibility of every generation to bring revolution for their freedom or else it would be taken away.

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INTRODUCTION: ON DEMOCRACY

Walt Whitman and Keki N. Daruwalla was staunch supporter of democracy we can find this even in their poems. They wanted that there should be democratic world. Everyone should be given human rights. Everyone should be able to live with dignity and respect in society. Everyone should get together and help in the development of the society as well as country. It is possible when there is no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion.

WALT WHITMAN

In song of myself: His humanitarianism is disregarded for social convention and public morality and he had deep love for animals from within. He is sympathetic to entire creation of god. In society he doesn't want to discriminate on the basis of caste, creed or religion. He wants to sympathies with the entire social outcaste and forsaken. He could not even discriminate or differentiate between lower downtrodden and common woman.

In Democratic Vistas: Walt Whitman speaks about the corruption existing in society as well as the democratic practices. In democracy stressing he emphasized the self reform which can lead only to reform in society. In Whitman's political philosophy is his glorification of individual en masse appear repeatedly in the poem of Whitman. He is the apostle of the socialistic set up of society. He is emphatically of the view that society should recognize the infinite worth of individual. He felt that one should get ideal society where an individual gets his own identity and therefore he saw he would also be loved. He emphasis on spiritualization which could save democracy from moral degradation.

American democracy was the area of interest for Walt Whitman. He embraces hugs and find it in all forms of nature whether fields, farms, birds, animals, light air seamen and women and their politics and social transaction, cars, shops, factories etc. Whitman accepts there and many more as important part of democracy. **Leaves of Grass** humblest of created thing as symbol of his fierce and passionate belief of democracy. Through **Leaves of Grass** he wants to show his firm belief in democracy, he wants to make use of even the common things cherish through his poems. He feels it fit subject for poetry. He is consistent and he feels that word equable was of great value. Whitman feels ideal society is where everyone is equal there is no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion. There is no differentiation or social justice taking place. Everyone is treated equally.

In I hear America singing: Whitman celebrates all people in country whether they are mechanics, the carpenter, the boatman, the shoemaker, the woodcutter, the ploughboy. In tones of exquisite lyric Whitman sings the song of democracy thinking about the American democracy that it has brilliant future.

In Calamus: Sustained lyricism we can find in it. We can find poets deep personal emotions in it. Amongst great love poems they rank very high amongst great love poems in world literature. The poet was not able to tolerate the corruption existing in society and the moral degradation. He was in search of new sensation and adventures.

Whitman in his own life couldn't go for permanent love relation with anyone, his own nature prevented him it didn't suit him. Constantly wandering of his emotion is all pervading in his lyricism.

In Leaves of grass we can find emotions and moods as well as needless confessions which is extraordinary in this poem. One can find frank talk regarding love whether it's about security to insecurity in love confidence and arrogance to insecurity as well as shame he describes love can be dangerous. It's not constant passion. It is not going to bring happiness. Are you the new person drawn towards me? Conflicting emotions it is as tenderly expressed as any collection of love poetry in world literature. But one can find diversity in it. There is confession of love and devotion along with good expression of ideal friendship and comradeship. The poet is always in search of new faces and diversity new experiences because he feels that all in this earth is rotten at the core.

In thou mother with thy equal brood- Walt Whitman feels happy about democracy that the country has great future all will work hard for it all will sail together and work for the better future better nation.

In For you O democracy- In this, the poet tries to tell that there should be mutual respect support amongst people. One is dependent upon the other should be the philosophy. He felt that isolation should not be there and only that there should be is security as well as cooperation amongst people. There should be harmony amongst all. One should love each other.

In a noiseless patient spider: Whitman draws a fine analogy he tries to describe his idea of detachment and that there should be no false reality and the ultimate reality lies in love, truth, unity and democracy.

In CALAMUS: This poem illustrates the idea that democracy is based upon co-operation and spiritual enlightenment of its members. He feels that there is spiritual degradation, degradation of social values psychology of individuals is disturbed people have become like machines and there is lack of adjustment.

Social problems exist in society people are not connected with their roots they are false lies due to which there is sense of alienation from society. There are number of moral and spiritual problems which need to done alright. It is modern

mechanized America. He expresses his own personality in his verse. By procreation he meant innocence.

Democracy should prevail- Walt Whitman emphasizes more on universal brotherhood, comradeship and fraternity. Walt Whitman felt that all human being are one and the same. There should be no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion. All God preach the same thing to love one another and not to hurt anyone.

Great leaders should lead the country- Great leaders like Abraham Lincoln should lead the country. People should select those leaders who help in spreading the message of brotherhood and give everyone equal rights. Who believes that justice should be given to all and that there should be no discrimination on the basis of race, class or gender? Leaders should be ideal for others.

There should be no oppression- Leaders should be as such who don't exploit the people and give equal opportunities to all. They should not oppress anyone. One should be empathetic.

Whole world should become one-One should emphasize that the whole world should become one. Everyone should be treated equally. There should be no gap between the have and have-nots.

Believed in Universal brotherhood, comradeship and fraternity-Walt Whitman believed that one should love thy neighbor as one love themselves. There should be universal brotherhood amongst all. There should be fraternity. Everyone should get right to education and employment. There should be no selling and buying of people.

Women should be given respect-Women should be respected and given important place in society. They should not be put in isolation they should be asked to actively participate in the development of the society. Walt Whitman wants that there should be exchange of knowledge amongst different countries. Walt Whitman wants that people of other countries should come and help in the development of the other country. One country can't develop in isolation. Other countries like India should come and learn about the scientific and technological development. There should be no corruption in society. Women should not be forced into prostitution. Everyone should be given the basic rights to live with dignity. There should be no human trafficking.

Taught through action-Walt Whitman taught through action whatever he preached. He felt that leaders can also put into action whatever they preach

Nursed the people-Walt Whitman felt that one should voluntarily participate in nursing the people. One doesn't need money to help others. One can help with whatever they have. One don't require even the nursing degrees to take care of others. One should come and help other and thus help in building a great nation. Everyone should walk out of their homes walk hand in hand. As Walt Whitman wants to make friends with everyone he wants that everyone should have an aim in life, should work together and thus help in building a strong nation. He had a dream of one world. He felt that all are connected to each other. Everyone is a part of the same energy that is God so why to discriminate on the basis of caste, creed or religion. One should work hard and earn money. No one should be exploited. Human rights of anyone should not be violated. Women should be allowed to get be married and have children. When children would be born then only country can help in the development of the nation. Then only great children can be born like great scientist, great athletes who will help in bringing glory to the nation.

KEKI N. DARUWALLA

In Collage I- Keki N. Daruwalla tries to tell that Ravi Shankar is a great musician who is admired all over the world.

Foreigners like Indian classical music and Indian are followers of western music. People of foreign country are attracted towards Indian culture- meditation and yoga etc. People like reading Bhagwad Gita. One of the sacred books of the Hindus and the message of which is to deliver to its people.

One can see Sadhu always chanting the hymns and name of god. They say they have banned not only zamindari system but also prostitution but these ladies don't have any other alternative work for them. They have thought of making English as official language. India has achieved great heights. Politicians have thought of releasing prisoners who have committed crimes like rape, murder and robberies etc on 26th January.

The prisoners like antisocial elements like pimps, writers of poetry etc their imprisonment is also reduced. There are electric crematoriums to cremate the dead person which try to show that great scientific and technological advancement has taken place. The tax and prices of the products is always on the increase. The horoscope of individual being is told but not the horoscope of the nation.

In The Graft-In this, the poet tells about the illegal activities taking place in our society. They tell us the lawyers and advocates how they take bribe for making any illegal document legal and to get it signed from the highest authority. He feels that bribe is normal thing taking place in our society.

He then talks about the priest. They can make any illicit child legitimate by bribing the priest. All can happen with the help of money. This poem is about bribery and corruption. It tries to depict socio and political life of any country. It has pervaded the entire socio and political life of our country.

He tries to describe that some people they take bribe and their wives feel that they are doing overtime but that is not as such. They are taking bribe and thus getting extra money. The poet tries to explain that such kind of people don't have any conscience and don't fear its consequences. They feel that they can earn lots of money through corruption and have big families more kids as well as have long life.

The People-In this the poet tries to describe that without using their common sense they choose their leaders. They don't listen to the leaders what they are saying. The leaders keep on repeating themselves their speeches. Some things are implemented some are not. People try to judge the leaders but don't listen to them and hence make choices and thus prices of petrol rises and simultaneously the prices of other commodities also rises.

It is because of the leaders and they on the other hand say that it is all right because it is for the good of the citizens whereas the people have to bear the burden of the cost rising of all the products as when the prices of petrol rises simultaneously there is increase in prices of all other products.

In Collage II- In this the poet tries to tell about India. It tries to depict the picture of India. He cannot recognize her because he feels that her face is distorted now. He calls India as motherland. It is corrupt now. People have looted it through corruption, bribery doing illegal work. He feels that people have become corrupt here. Their flesh also is corrupt. It is a kind of sorry state. He feels that moral values have degraded and thus their soul are also stinking. He feels that mother is showing the picture of despair and frustration. He feels that people are poor over here. They are starving, they are hungry etc. They have no food to eat. He feels that his mother is bruised and wounded and is dragging herself to Benares to die. People they are only saying slogans but no constructive work has been done till now and nothing has been implemented.

Keki N. Daruwalla felt that there should be corrupt free society. Social evils should not exist in society. There should be no borders. One should love each other. There should be compassion prevailing in this world. People should be aware of whom they are choosing as a leader. They should choose right leader. Everyone should be given equal rights. There should not be much gap between rich and poor people. There should be equal opportunities given to male and female. Women should not be sold. No communal riots should take place. Strict action should be taken against those who do corruption. Bribery seems legal in India it should be banned. Upliftment of women should take place. Training and skill development should take place for them so that they are self dependent and not dependent upon others.

CONCLUSIONS

Walt Whitman and Keki N. Daruwalla both believed in democracy. They believed in humanity. They wanted universal brotherhood, fraternity and comradeship. They believed in love, kindness, care and compassion. They believed in upliftment and empowerment of women as well as downtrodden masses. They were against any kind of injustice. They felt that everyone should be given equal rights to education, to employment and to live with dignity.

Walt Whitman talk about women their majestic power which nature has bestowed on her. How she's given power to give birth to a child without women no life can exist on this earth. Baby is born through her only so for preserving this earth she needs to be protected which is most important. For that union of men and women, it is important so that there is life on earth. Human beings can exist on this earth. Humanity can exist on this earth. A woman is complete when she has a child and that is the happiest moment for her. So if she is the one who can save earth nature from extinction. Why she faces all kinds of violence suppression domination and why is she so vulnerable part of the society. Just like this Shakespeare has also expressed seven stages of life in which love is given importance.

Keki N. Daruwalla talks about curfew that it arises in a second by the people without a second thought. People are thirsty of each other's blood no one know the reason why innocent people are the victims, some are killed, some shops are burnt, riots take place in a second, curfew also takes place in a second, vehicles are burnt no one can move outside their homes, dead bodies are lying inside their homes, dead bodies are kept inside houses only and they stink and smell their dead bodies are kept because they have to be either burnt or buried it has to be on religion basis.

Indian superstitions or believe in miracles they believe in Malavi that he has a miracle power he can do everything alright. there is disease all around. people are dying due to war, diseases, mosquitoes-dengue etc. People are not so much worried about cleanliness and hygienic and where the Malvi stays that place is also not hygienic. He talks about the hospitals where the floor is very clean white floor but as the disease has spread, riots, curfew many people are attacked they are brought to the hospitals they are lying on the floor nurses dress is also white but the suddenly the whole hospital is full of patients. Floor is full of stains of blood now. He talks about how immunities a riot can take place, people can kill each other within a second in which the innocent people are worst victims. Buses, trucks, shops are burnt. No one can move outside their houses. People are helpless when someone dies due to superstition, people they die due to starvation during war, farmers are suiciding and exploitation is existing due to zamindari system.

There is poverty all over. Women are induced to sell their bodies. They have no other options. Political parties don't fulfill their promises. There is illiteracy all over unemployment all over this is a disgusting situation. Why there is no peace. Man is killing another man. There is no trust. Why people are not focusing on the better things to improve the situations. They are only worsening it. Why not focus on eradicating diseases, increase quality education, why there is no

unity was it the nation which great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Vivekananda Rabindranath Tagore, dreamt of.

He says that there is wide gap between the poor and the rich people which cannot be filled. Higher taxes are imposed on the people therefore the poor are becoming poorer there situation is not improving even a bit.

That's why suicides are also taking place.

Walt Whitman also talks about France how it is during plague disease when it spreads. No one moves out of the town as they would catch the diseases neither anyone can enter their town as they would also catch the same diseases.

Walt Whitman talks about flood which is creating havoc and can be cause of disaster. Many people and their house might have been washed away.

There is a gap between the rich and poor. How to bridge the gap between the two? Walt Whitman focuses on the common masses and their daily problems.

Keki N. Daruwalla talks about flood during which the crops are destroyed people are starving to death. Water has entered inside their homes. There is no food for children. There is only disease. They are dying. They can't get the food packets thrown to them. No proper facility is provided to them. There is no rescue for them. They have not learned anything their hard work of sowing crops is all waste.

Walt Whitman also speaks about the rising gap between the rich and the poor. He feels sad that there is no employment for the people. People are starving to death. Black are being sold by the white people. There is misery. Those who are unemployed are crying. People are having no penny in their pockets. Human trafficking is taking place people are sold as slaves and treated inhuman. There is no humanity prevailing in society. Man has become worst than the beast. Poet is also helpless looking at their plight.

Both of them are talking about common people their difficulties miseries they are facing they want a better world even one person can make a difference and improve the world but that can happen through revolution. If everyone knows their responsibilities and duties and move towards humanity this world can really become a better place to live in where there is only love and no war.

Walt Whitman talks about animals how they live a relaxed life there is no conflict amongst them they don't fight they have no competition they stay in group they love and care for each other there is no jealousy amongst the them. They sleep in relaxed manner at night. They are at peace. They love and care for each other.

They have no greed for power, lust or domination etc.

Keki N. Daruwalla says that during the flood animals are worst hit and they die. They are washed. They drown during the flood there is no rescue for them and hence a great loss as they are a part of nature and useful for the human beings.

Keki N. Daruwalla talks about Christ how he sacrificed his life for us. How he wanted peace to prevail. He gave his life so that we can live life of peace and happiness and full of bliss. He shed his blood for us. He took away our sins too for a better world. He was a messenger of love truth and non violence. His birthday is celebrated worldwide by everyone friends and relatives give gift to each other on 25th of December.

He talks about Shiva that he is a creator as well as destroyer of the universe. He has a third eye whenever injustice

takes place it opens and he starts dancing which is also known as Tandav. His blessing is very important for the existence as well as survival.

Walt Whitman talks about the common masses in the open road how they are working hard he love them all whether they know him or not because they are helping in building the nation and no task is small. Every work is important. He says that he like being independent and no restriction imposed upon him. He feels that wisdom and self realization is most important because through that only one can know their true potential and know their purpose in life. Wisdom can't come from university books only it comes from experience. He wants comradeship he doesn't want full liberty because he feel with independence there comes responsibilities too. His contemporaries say that whatever a poet says should be put into action.

He emphasis on purity of soul is the real source of happiness or eternal bliss. To be happy internally internal satisfaction is most important. Human characteristic means freshness and sweetness of life. He asks people to move on the road of health gaiety self esteem and curiosity. To know about the known and unknown facts one should keep on marching ahead whatever happens whatever will be will be one should try to know about their inner self rather seeking happiness in materialistic things he feels that everyone should walk on the road and they would definitely reach their destiny they would find the destiny some time or the other their purpose in life etc. Everyone should walk on the road though their purpose are different their purpose aims and goals are different but all have to reach the same destination in this manner there would be unity brotherhood comradeship because everyone has a purpose and they are going to reach their destination it can be search of god or self realization whatever one is searching one will be able to find it.

He says that tree is like democracy he brought the branch and kept it inside his room he says that the tree gives shade, fruits fresh air saves us from global warming like that even democracy protects us.

He wants to begin the company of illiterate people, rude and arrogant lawless he wants to be their friends too so that the message can be conveyed to them too unity is most important. All are equal and important in this world. He gave importance to self realization.

Walt Whitman wants to find the mystery of the earth who has created the earth the stars moon how do they glow. How life occurs through five elements earth, water, air, sky etc. What happens after death where does the soul go is there life after death. He wants to know about the cosmos the supernatural powers how the universe works what is beyond the universe.

Walt Whitman talks about the people and their faces some has unique some someones eyes are different everyone is different from each other still everyone exist some people look like they have taken drugs.

There is a women she looks like her mother it's so mysterious how is it possible. He wants to surrender himself in god's hands he feels that whatever you do so shall you reap if it's a good deed you will be rewarded accordingly if it's a bad then you will go to hell. Hell and heaven both exist you will get what you give to this world this is the law of nature law of karma.

KARMIC LAW

Walt Whitman was admired for his positive thoughts. Keki received many awards for his poems national as well as international. They wanted to be remembered by the coming future generations their work has relevance even in present

scenario he feels that poets depth of his thoughtfulness he thinks that people will listen to his lectures imparted by the lecturers or teachers and the musicians will listen to his songs too written by him and sing for the masses for the generations to come. He hopes that there will be universal brotherhood, democratic world, secularism, liberty, fraternity, fundamental rights given to the people. Keki also wants to show the evils existing in the society so that people can be aware and thus help in eradicating it from the society and thus make it better place to live in.

Walt Whitman wanted to give the message of peace love and harmonious world and culture. Walt always felt himself part of the society socio economic political life of the country. He wanted social justice to prevail. He described the civil war and its consequences.

During the pestilence, Walt Whitman describes that people were unemployed. He observed how the Americans oppressed the poor people. There was racial discrimination. Women were sold they were tortured mistreated they were not given respect. and even their children didn't give them respect because this things they were learning from their surroundings. They had no status in society. There was lots of gap between the poor and the rich and this gap was ever widening and how this gap was to be bridged. Black people were exploited they were treated as slaves they were sold there was no humanity injustice existed in America. There was a gap between haves and have not. He wanted that the black should be given justice humanity should prevail black people should not be sold black women should not be raped or sold. He wanted to fight for this injustice he said that revolution is very important to bring the positive changes. Everyone saw the injustice taking place but no one spoke anything. He wanted that there should not be any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion.

Walt Whitman is the hero of the poem common masses can get together and can make better world they can save other masses through service. He feels that sympathy is most important amongst human being. One should do good and great deeds help in the service of the society for that too much of money is not very important one can take care of others serve humanity love and care for them that is the biggest service to the society. All work is important and no work is inferior or small. One should do whatever work they get and that will only make them great because he finds God even in labourer, gardener etc. He feels that god is inside them too. One don't have to be the president or the prime minister to do great deeds or be great. Every work gives reward accordingly. If one does good work he or she is rewarded. If one does negative work he is punished by law of nature he was law he was also the follower of Bhagwad Gita he says that everyone should be given importance and work would definitely be recognized one day.

Walt Whitman glorifies human deeds of soldiers, musicians, mechanics, technicians etc as all are great in their own way and helps in the progress of the country. He felt democracy was very important.

Walt Whitman feels that death is inevitable it would definitely take place one day but all the work continues world keeps on moving ahead. Family members and relatives shed tears for few days and then start working.

Later even the Prime Minister and the President die one day but people still continues to work. People work for the future they should leave better world better future even for the coming generation so that even they can enjoy what we enjoyed everyday someone dies. He says that everyday children are born women they are admitted in the hospitals so they can give birth to children they are given medicines so that they can resume to work and no work is hampered. It is a part of life that some people die so that new babies can be born they have to make space for them too that is the law of nature. He says that even the material things should be given importance like houses, roads buildings, hospitals etc that means the

development is taking place it makes life easy for the people.

Walt Whitman says that was ever born from Adam did she taste the fruit of knowledge due to Satan he induced her. He gives emphasis to the union of men and women because he feels that union of the two is very important so that children can be born to the parents and they can help in bringing name and fame to the nation by becoming great athletes, musicians, scientist and doctors etc.

Walt Whitman talks that love is important for the survival and that the world can exist through only love amongst all religions, amongst all people it doesn't matter to which country do they belong, race, color, religion, age, status etc only love should prevail in this world which is the need of the hour it's a necessity.

Some of the critics they criticize him for his thoughts on love. he says that one should think about love, love odour, love juice etc critics find it weird. He talks like William Shakespeare and John Donne. He speaks of love and union of men and women and even about death. He says that one day even he would die and people would pass by his graveyard and they would ask about him whose graveyard is this. He says that death is beautiful he wants to embrace it. He says that followers can leave him he doesn't want followers. He doesn't want anyone to follow him.

David says about Walt Whitman political views. He thought revolution was very important to bring changes in this world. He believed in federal government. He also described his views on liberty why it was important for humanity.

David says that Walt believed that there was revolution inside every man's heart which would burst as anger someday and could take a very furious state and would be very chaotic as well as would create havoc as a result which could be seen in the coming years to come.

He gave importance to the common masses. He said they were greater than the king. He sang for the common people who worked very hard day and night and thus helped in nation's development.

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